We know that Jesus triumphed over all the storms of His life most gloriously, and yet after 2000 yrs of living with Him we still ask the question,"If we belong to X, why do adversities press hard upon us? Why do the storms of life threaten us and why do we still fear them?" Jesus must either be sleeping or absent from our boat. In either case we lose confidence, let fear possess us and see only destruction ahead- then wecry out, and lo, the awakened Christ within us stills our storms!

But you say, Not all our storms are stilled, and why does God let them arise in the first place?. The perfection of seamanship is not to reduce the tempest, or to lighten the ship, but so to strengthen her and manage her that she will ride safely thru the heaviest sea. Such a ship and such a captain command a great price in the market. God does not prevent the storms of life, nor does He still them for us every time we fear them because He wants us to experience the discipline necessary to ride safely thru them. God wants us to put our trust in Him and to be courageous, not fearful and cowardly. "Fair-weather Christians."

The great conflicts of TRUTH are the inevitable outcome of progress

Why is the great ocean kept from becoming corrupt? One theory-because of its saltiness and because, in consequence, of its currents. So long as the Gospel of X has salt in it and so long as it has influence in the world Xty is going to stir up raging conflicts between Truth and Error.

Jesus asleep in the midst of the sotrm-calm and restful! It is said that a thermometer registers the same whether the wind is blowing or not. The fact that the wind is raging does not change the temperature a fraction of a degree. But how the wind and storm affect us! How depressing they are to us! God, however, does not change. His love remains constant, like the thermometer. God loves us just as much when the storms of life are raging as when the sun shines upon us in peace. And yet, in storm and stress, how tempted we are to blame God or accuse Him of deserting us or turning His wrath against us!

1. When the storms arise, God says,"Fear not!" To fear is to surrender to the storm. When sickness comes how often a life is lost because the patient fears the worst is going to happen'. The positive of this is,"Trust God".

2.God comes to us in our troubles. We are not left to the consequences of caprice or ill will, to sickness or flood or fire, or to the force of natural laws alone. God Himself is with us, guiding us thru our storms in His infinite and constant love and wisdom.

3. God promises us that our afflictions shall not destroy us. However we are made to suffer inconsequence of storm nothing can hurt us, nothing can destroy us. Even death itself does not conquer us; but on the contrary, as death did not triumph over Jesus Christ when He died, so if we trust in God as Jesus did, tho we are separated from our bodies in death, we ourselves are saved unto eternal life.